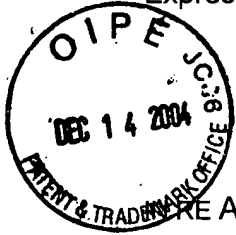


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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

- ☒ Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (After Final)
- ☒ Notice of Appeal
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$250.00.

2. Entity Status

- ☒ Small Entity Status has been previously established.

3. Conditional Petition for Extension of TimeApplicant petitions for an Extension of Time, if necessary, for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures.4. Provisional Fee Authorization

Please charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

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